

ELMER MYERS IS GREATER PITCHER THAN BENDER, PLANK OR COOMBS IN PRIME, SAYS MACK

MACK DECLARES MYERS IS GREATEST PITCHER DEVELOPED BY HIM IN SIXTEEN YEARS

Wizard Manager Says Sensational Youngster is Better Today Than Bender, Plank and Coombs Were in Prime

MANAGER MACK, of the Athletics, surprised a group of fans in the club office last night by declaring that Elmer Myers, the lanky recruit, is the greatest young pitcher he has ever developed...

To say that Mack is enthusiastic about the work of Myers and his reconstructed team is stating the case mildly. Although he will make no predictions, it is becoming apparent that Mack has an idea that his team may be a pennant contender before the present season ends...

Myers looks better every day, and is the best young pitcher I have ever developed, says Mack. He does not know as much about pitching as Bender, Plank and Coombs, but today is a better hurler than any of my old stars were in their prime...

There has been no team here which looked much better than my team will if I can find two other pitchers to keep pace with Myers and Joe Bush. I believe that Crowell will strike a winning stride within a few days, and Wyckoff should be coming around soon...

Myers Is Now Even With Joe Bush

YESTERDAY'S victory over the White Sox was the fifth in succession for Myers. I and he is now even with Joe Bush, who also has won his last five starts. With this pair going at such a terrific clip, it is apparent that the Mackmen will soon be in the first division...

The White Sox got seven hits off Myers yesterday, which is the largest number made off the youngster to date, but two or three of the safeties were rather scratchy, while the big fellow eased up in the closing innings after his teammates had given him a comfortable lead...

Myers' curve ball, which is the talk of the league, was breaking even better than in any previous game, and he had great control of his fast ball. Prior to yesterday Myers was inclined to be wild and had trouble getting his fast ball over the plate without cutting down his speed and the break...

Phillies and Giants Continue at Dizzy Clip

THE Phillies continued on their winning streak by taking an easy victory over Pittsburgh. It was the sixth straight victory for the Phils, who are playing in their 1915 form. It also was the second straight shut-out victory for Alexander the Great...

As both Boston and Brooklyn were beaten, the Phils climbed up close to the lead. The champions are now less than a half game behind the Dodgers and Braves and it is likely that one or both of these teams will be passed before the end of the week...

The sensational work of Bobby Byrne at third base is one of the most pleasing features of the Philly trip and evidently he is not being bothered any by the broken fingers which threatened to end his career in the major leagues...

White Sox Outplayed by Mackmen

THE White Sox did not make much of an impression on the local fans in their first appearance of the season in this city. This may have been due to the fact that Elmer Myers was master of the heavy-hitting Westerners, but there appeared to be an indifferent attitude prevailing...

There is wonderful natural offensive strength in the White Sox line-up, but there also is a tendency on the part of several players to try to knock the ball out of the lot every time they go to the plate. This made Myers' work much easier, as he had the sluggers of Rowland's team swinging at bad balls the greater part of the game...

Fourier hit at bad balls on every trip to the plate, and invariably allowed the good ones to split the plate without moving his bat from the shoulder. His work in the outfield was much better than was expected, as last season he found it hard to judge fly balls. He made three excellent catches, one of which robbed Witt of a triple...

McInnis' drive clinched the victory for the Mackmen, as Schang and Strunk were on base when "Stuffy" poked the hit which went for a home run. Until McInnis made his hit the game was too close for comfort. The Mackmen had a one-run lead, but with the sluggers of the White Sox swinging at a terrific clip, there was that danger of some one connecting with the ball for a drive into the bleachers or over the fence...

Witt's Fielding One of the Features

DESPITE the fact that the Mackmen made more errors than the White Sox, they completely outplayed the visitors, giving one of their best exhibitions of the season in the field after the second inning. One of the most pleasing features of the game was the brilliant work of Witt at short. The youngster appeared more at home yesterday than at any other time this season...

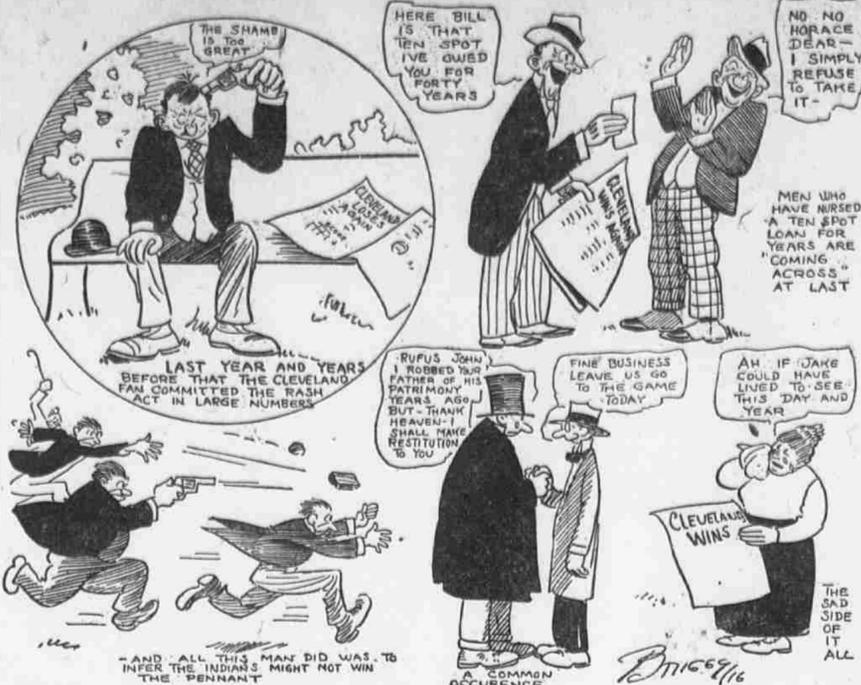
Witt was inclined to play everything too safe, with the result that he lacked speed in getting off plays, and he looked awkward until yesterday. The smoothness of his work yesterday brought words of praise from Manager Mack, who declared that the youngster had gained confidence at last. His stop of Felisch's grounder to deep short in the eighth inning was easily the fielding feature of the game...

Eddie Murphy led off in this inning with a double to left and Felisch followed with a smash to deep short. It was a sure hit, as Witt could not have thrown him out with a perfect peg. Witt speared the ball with his bare hand, however, and made a lightning throw to Lajoie, catching Murphy a few feet off second. It was a wonderful play, which brought cheers from the crowd. After John Collins had fanned Eddie Collins laced the ball over second for what apparently was a sure single, but Witt scooped the ball up and made a quick peg to Lajoie, forcing Felisch...

Rowland used three pitchers trying to stop the Mackmen, but none of the trio bothered the home team much. Faber was hit harder than the score would indicate, while Williams, a southpaw from the Salt Lake team of the Pacific Coast League, and Joe Benz were not on the mound long enough to get into trouble. The latter was using a spitball for the first time, which probably means that his curve, once considered one of the best in the major leagues, is not breaking as of yore or he would not resort to the spitter...

Forty-five convicts, unguarded, were allowed to take part in, or witness, a ball game at the Columbus American Association ball park yesterday. The prison team was beaten in 15 innings by a team composed mostly of enlisted men from the United States army barracks. The penitentiary band and a select group of voters also attended, while the baseball writer of the Ohio Penitentiary News sat in the pressbox.

THEY'RE ACTING QUEER IN CLEVELAND



RUBE MARQUARD IN SHAPE, BUT CANNOT GET BACK TO HIS FORMER WINNING WAYS

Tall Left-hander Is Young, But Appears to Be Hanging on to Major League by a Narrow String

By GRANTLAND RICE

Your Ear Just a Moment Remember, this is just between ourselves and the quiet; It's not for publication, pal, or it might start a riot; Don't say you heard me say it first, nor mumble in your cup; After reading, close your trap, then burn the letter up.

Last night I had an awful dream— My heart grew cold—my soul went raw; My throat closed up—I could not scream; For this is what I heard and saw.

I saw the owner of a club who stopped and shook his head; Who heaved a sigh and wiped his eye and speaking softly, said— "I hoped to finish sixth this year—but it's a fool's dream.

My club is looking worse each day—I've got an awful team." I saw a fighter in the ring, amid the jeer and scoff; Who had his godboon hammered in—his belly block knocked off; They let him bleed from the ring and then I heard him sigh— "I met a gamer, better man; I've got no alibi."

I saw a golfer as he holed his final putt one day; "How nice you scoring on the course!" I asked him on his way; "I had an REE," he said, "but you can take this straight; Except for luck I should have had at least a TIT."

Don't say I tipped this off to you— No matter, pal, who might inquire; But after you have read it through, Heave this epistle in the fire.

April 12, Betts 1. That Cleveland and Washington would be battling for the lead late in May. 2. That on May 16 Cobb, Jackson, Baker, Crawford and Collins would all be under .280. 3. That the Tigers and White Sox would be scrambling around in the second division.

Rube the Uncrowned Four years ago at this date Rube Marquard was on his way to 19 straight victories.

Polo Today Devon vs. Bryn Mawr PLAY CALLED 4:30 P. M. Take Park Trolley for Wondside Park.

The Dye Situation Does Not Worry Us and Need Not Worry You

Advertisement for Billy Moran, a tailor. It features a portrait of Billy Moran and text stating: 'I bought my German Dye Serges last August, and I am selling them at the same prices I always sold them. I have not raised my prices. These serges are \$14.80, \$16.50, \$18.00, \$20.00. Ask the other stores, big and little. They will ask you \$25, \$30, \$35. And I make perfect-fitting clothes. If you want a long Coat—an English Coat—a Pinch-back Coat—Narrow Pants—Peg-top Pants—or any kind you want—I make you'. Below the portrait is the text: '300 Other Styles \$11.80 up BILLY MORAN THE TAILOR 1103 Arch St.'

Table titled 'Runs Scored This Week by Major League Teams'. It lists runs scored for American League and National League teams. American League: Washington (29), St. Louis (28), Athletics (27), Cleveland (26), New York (25), Chicago (24), Boston (23). National League: New York (21), Philadelphia (20), Chicago (19), Brooklyn (18), Cincinnati (17), St. Louis (16), Pittsburgh (15).

IGNORE U. S. G. A. RULING Paul Tewkesbury and J. H. Sullivan, Jr., Banned, Compete at Woodland

NEWTON, Mass., May 19.—A ruling by the United States Golf Association has been ignored. Paul Tewkesbury and J. H. Sullivan, Jr., players who are under its ban, competed in an open amateur tournament by invitation of the Woodland Golf Club, of which they are members...

Advertisement for Dixons No. 680 differential use automobile lubricants. It features an image of a car and text: 'In your differential use DIXON'S GRAPHITE Automobile LUBRICANTS. If grease leaks out of your differential, use DIXON'S 680—it is the "non-leak" grease. Ask your dealer for the Dixon Lubricating Chart. JOSEPH DIXON CRUCIBLE CO. Jersey City, N. J. Established 1827 Philadelphia Branch, 1029 Arch St.'

Advertisement for Guilford's underwear. It features an image of a man in underwear and text: 'Your Closest Associate. Before buying your next suit of underwear, cast your eyes on the wonderful new patented features of a "Guilford" garment. The triangular, speedy opening spells COMFORT. The self-adjusting tubular back spells FIT. The opening down the leg and the two buttons spell CONVENIENCE. Pat. Oct. 12, 1915 No. 1,159,301. \$1 up. Guilford's Four Stores 1430 Chestnut St. 1038 Market St. 2436 N. Front St. Broad & Girard Ave.'

Large advertisement for Atlantic Gasoline. It features an image of a man in a suit holding a large can of Atlantic Gasoline. Text includes: 'MILEAGE That's another point where Atlantic Gasoline shows strong. Besides the zip and the snap that make motors reel off landscape like tape, it's got the stretch that looms up big on the speedometer. Phoney fuels lose out on the mileage test—they can't stand the gaff. There is one gasoline that, despite market conditions, maintains the uniform boiling-point that made it famous—Atlantic. Play safe. Get that one gasoline. THE ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Makers of Atlantic Motor Oils Light—Heavy—Polarine—Medium ATLANTIC GASOLINE Puts Pep in Your Motor'

Comic strip titled 'EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—IF HE WAS DOING THAT, PEDACUS, HE WAS STANDING ON ABOUT A YARD PLUS'. It shows a man riding a bicycle in a trolley car. Dialogue includes: 'ANDREW, IT WAS RIDING TO THE BALL GAME IN A TROLLEY CAR THE OTHER DAY.' 'YES.' 'AND THE VEHICLE WAS SUPERFLUENTLY CROWDED.' 'WOULD YOU BELIEVE I WAS STANDING ON ONE FOOT ALL THE TIME?' 'CERTAINLY!' 'I KNOW IT!' 'IT WAS MY FOOT YOU WERE STANDING ON!!!' 'CATCH IT ABIAN!' 'B.F.M.'